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## FLORIDA SECTION.

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#### GENERAL SUMMARY.

The month was slightly warmer than usual, and, contrary to normal conditions, it was exceptionally dry, the deficiency in rainfall being 2.16 inches, marking the month as one of the driest Septembers of record. The bulk of the month's rain occurred during the first half, exceptionally heavy amounts having fallen in several southeastern counties on the 9-10.

The factor of moment was the hurricane which dominated Florida weather during the 9 and 10, extreme conditions occurring on the 10, when exceptionally low pressure and high winds prevailed at Key West and in adjacent waters. See detailed report on reverse side of this publication. Winds of gale force occurred over the peninsula to the north of Miami, attended by heavy rains northward to Broward County. Reduced barometer readings, as reported from the several sources, were: Key West, 28.81; Sand Key, 28.35; Rebecca Light, 40 miles to the westward, 27.68, and Dry Tortugas, 65 miles to the westward, 27.51, inches.

The month was favorable for haying, and the harvesting of corn, and peanuts, although such work was delayed to some extent by showers. The bulk of the short staple cotton was picked. The long staple cotton was greatly reduced by the weevil. The yield of both varieties of cotton will be the shortest of record. Cane, sweet potatoes, velvet beans, and citrus fruits did well. Dry weather and rather high temperature, however, were unfavorable for strawberries and truck, especially on high lands. A portion of the citrus crop was damaged on the lower southeast coast by the hurricane; and seed beds and early truck, also, suffered to some extent.

### TEMPERATURE.

The monthly mean temperature from the records of 71 stations was 79.5°, or 0.2° above the normal. The highest monthly mean was 82.6° at Long Key, and the lowest was 74.0° at De Funiak Springs. The highest temperature was 99° at Marianna on the 18, and the lowest was 50° at 2 stations on the 29 and 30. The greatest daily range was 44°.

## PRECIPITATION.

The average precipitation for the month, 75 stations report- minimum 62 on 28t, greatest daily range, 21.

ing, was 4.83 inches, or 2.16 inches below the normal. The greatest monthly amount was 14.26 inches at Key West. The greatest amount in 24 consecutive hours was 11.95 inches at Key Weston the 9-10. The average number of rainy days was 11.

#### DATES OF MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA.

Halos, Lunar: Key West on 5; Sand Key, 1, 5; Tampa, 2. Halos, Solar: Key West, 8, 14; Miami, 8, 29; St. Leo, 10, 13; Sand Key, 16; Tampa, 8, 10, 13. Hurricane: Long Key, 9-10. Winds, High: Bradentown, 10; Moore Haven, 9; St. Andrews, 11; St. Petersburg, 11; Tarpon, 10. Tides, High: Tarpon, 11. Tnunderstorms: On 27 days. Hail: Brooksville, 1.

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### ERRATA.

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The departures from normal temperature and precipitation are computed only for such stations as have ten or more years of record, but all complete records are used in determining section or division means.

Reference letters, a, b, c, appearing in the table indicate number of days missing; for example, b represents two days, etc. † Also on other dates.

11 Post-office addresses of these stations are as follows: of McDonald, Plymouth: Griffin, Fort Lauderdale; Isleworth, Gotha: Lock No. 1. Fort Lauderdale, Merritts Island, Georgiana.

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#### HURRICANE OF SEPT, 9-10 AT KEY WEST.

The Official in Charge at Key West reports on the hurricane as follows:

"The storm that passed over Key West on September 9 and 10 was, without question, the most violent experienced since records at this station began. While the minimum barometric reading, 28.21 inches, was not as low as that recorded in 1909 (28.22), and in 1910 (28.47), the violence of the wind was undoubtedly greater. It is to be regretted that owing to the vibrations of the tower supporting the wind instruments the anemometer cups were shaken loose and blown away at 7:30 p.m. on the 9th in gusts ranging between 75 and 80 miles an hour, and thence on, until 3:35 p.m. of the 10th, the wind-velocity record was lost. The wind-vane was blown away at 12:45 a.m. of the 10th during the winds of greatest intensity, and at 3:16 a.m. the collector of the recording rain-gauge was blown off and the door forced open. The thermometer shelter held and temperature data are unbroken. In estimating the lost data great care has been taken, and advantage has been taken of notes made throughout the storm, and further advantage taken of the fact that the Official in Charge has experienced five hurricanes, which enables him to make a fairly accurate comparison.

"The first warning was received on the 8th at 9.55 a.m., as follows;

"'Hoist northeast storm warning 10 a. m. Jupiter to Key West and at Ft. Myers, Florida. Disturbance near or over southwestern Bahamas apparently moving west-northwest. Strong northeast winds Monday, and will probably increase to gale force. Advise great caution until further advices later in the day.'

"Storm warnings were immediately displayed, and the information disseminated.

"At 1:05 p.m. the following was received:

"'Change to hurricane warnings 1 p. m. Jupiter to Key West. Delayed report from Nassau: Barometer 29.46 and wind 56 miles from the northeast. Storm center will probably reach south Florida coast to-night attended by dangerous northeast winds. Caution all vessels to avoid the Florida Straits, and the east Florida coast until further advices.'

"Hurricane warnings were immediately displayed and the information disseminated by every available means. The response to this warning was immediate and there followed a period of great activity, especially as regards shipping. Vessels were moved to safer anchorage or better secured, and all weak places in residences and buildings of all descriptions were strengthened as much as possible by nailing and battening doors, windows, roof-hatches, etc. In the terrific gusts that prevailed during the height of the storm stanch brick structures had walls blown out, and large vessels, firmly secured, were torn from their fastenings or moorings and blown on the banks. Notwithstanding the great loss, estimated at \$2,000,000, the Official in Charge has been the recipient of many congralutions on the splendid service rendered by the Bureau.

"Owing to the very slow progressive movement of the storm in this vicinity winds of gale force and over lasted continuously from about 7 a. m. of the 9th to about 9:30 p. m. of the 10th, the apex of the storm was reached on the 9th at midnight when the center, moving slowly west-northwest, was south of and nearest the station. The center when at its nearest point was probably about 30 or 40 miles distant.

"Following is an hourly tabulation covering the period during which winds of gale force prevailed:

	1	Wind	) Max.	1
	Barometer	direction	velocity	Weather
Sept. 9, 7 a. m.	29.61	NE	36	Light rain
8	29.61	N-NE	38	Light rain
9	29.58	N	36	Threatening
10	29.56	N-NE	39	Light rain
11	29.54	NE	40	Light rain
12 noon	29.50	NE	37	Light rain
1 p. m.	29.46	NE	42	Light rain
	29 40	NE	44	Mod. heavy rain
ã	29.31	NE	48	Mod. heavy rain
2 3 4 5	29.27	NE	50	Mod. heavy rain
	29.22	NE	54 58 58	Mod. heavy rain
6	29.13	NE	58	Mod. heavy rain
ř	29.08	NE	58	Heavy rain
Š	29.05	NE	70	Heavy rain
9	23.99	NE	80†	Heavy rain
10	28.97	NE	851	Heavy rain
îĭ	28.93	NE	90†	Heavy rain
12 mid.	28.81	E	90† 105†	Heavy rain
Sept. 10, 1 a. m.	28.90	E E E E	110†	Heavy rain
2	28.96	Ē	100	Heavy rain
ã l	29.02	$\overline{\mathbf{E}}$	90+	Heavy rain
4	29.07	E	85†	Heavy rain
ĥ	29.13	SE	80†	Heavy rain
Ğ	29.20	SE	70 <b>†</b>	Heavy rain
7	29.26	SE	70†	Heavy rain
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	29.35	SE SE SE SE	70†	Heavy rain
ğ .	29.39	SE	60 <del>†</del>	Light rain
10	29.44	SE	55	Light rain
îĩ	29.46	SE	50†	Light rain
12 noon	29.50	SE	48†	Light rain
1 p. m.	29.53	SE	48†	Light rain
	29.52	S	45†	Light rain
3	29, 56	s	40†	Light rain
$\frac{2}{3}$	29.57	SE S S	40†	Light rain

† Estimated.

"From the forenoon of the 9th squalls of wind and rain progressively increased in force and frequency, culminating in terrific gusts of great violence between midnight banera with passengers and crew of more than 300.

of the 9th and 2 a. m. of the 10th. As the storm's center slowly receded into the Gulf of Mexico to the westward the squall and gusts gradually became less violent and of less frequency. The usual phenomena preceding, accompanying, and following storms of tropical origin were present in this one; and while no thunder was heard diffused lightning was noted at intervals for several hours before the maximum force was reached.

"As previously stated the property loss is estimated at \$2.000,000, the air station alone losing about \$800,000. Probably not a structure on the island escaped being damaged more or less, the Weather Bureau building and grounds suffering quite badly. Three lives were lost by drowning.

"The rainfall was extremely heavy and continuous. The loss of rainfall record is unfortunate, but from the partial record obtained and from notes made the total amount is estimated at 13.39 inches, the heaviest occurring during the early morning hours of the 10th."

The Official in Charge, Key West, states further that "probably the lowest pressure readings recorded in this part of the world were noted in this storm, viz.: Key West, 28.83 inches; Sand Key, 28.36 inches; Rebecca Light, 40 miles to the westward, 27.68 inches; and Dry Tortugas, 65 miles to the westward, 27.51 inches. Two steamers in the vicinity of Tortugas reported still lower readings; 'Lake Winona,' 27.45 inches, and 'Fred W. Weller,' 27.36 inches. While, however, the last two readings have not, as yet, been authenticated, they do not appear unreasonably low when compared with 27.51 inches at Dry Tortugas.

#### Tornado at Goulds.

The Official in Charge, Miami, reports on a tornado at Goulds, as follows; A tornado occurred at Goulds, Fia., a small town 20 miles southwest of Miami, between 1:00 p. m. and 1:15 p. m. of the 10th. At the time of occurrence, the tropical disturbance that present through the Florids Straits on the 6th was central over the ac-

tween 1:00 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. of the 10th. At the time of occurrence, the tropical disturbance that passed through the Florida Straits on the 9th was central over the extreme southeastern Gulf of Mexico, within about 125 miles of the path of the tornado.

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The tornado developed ether over the ocean or biscayile Bay, probably in the form of a waterspout. It moved in a west-northwest direction, directly with the strong southeast wind that prevailed in connection with the tropical disturbance. After leaving the bay, it crossed a 3-mile stretch of marsh land, and there were evidences that this part of the path was extremely narrow. It then entered a pine wood immediately east of Goulds, where the path rapidly widened. At Goulds, the path was about 600 feet in width. After passing over Goulds, the storm moved over a cleared area of about one-half mile in extent, when it entered another pine wood. It is interesting to note that the path through this second wood had narrowed to 100 feet, or less in width. The storm continued west-northwest, and was seen to disappear over the Everglades, about 14 miles from the point of entry on the shore of Biscayne Bay,

The tornado was attended by the characteristic pendant cloud, which was described by several persons as having a waving motion, with the detached end apparently moving through a space of 100 feet. It was not attended by rain or lightning, but the air in the path of the storm was filled with a fine mist.

There were many evidences of the whirling motion of the air. In the first wood through which the storm passed, the uprooted and broken trees apparently fell in all directions. At Goulds, debris from a demolished building was carried across the path of the storm and deposited on the side opposite to which the building stood. A hotel and a large packing house, which were on the northern edge of the path, were lifted from their foundations and moved 15 feet toward the center of the path.

In the second wood, where the path had narrowed to 100 feet, or less, there was no indication of a whirl. All the fallen trees, with one exception, lay with their tops to the northwest. One tree which fell toward the southwest was apparently leaning in that direction before the storm occurred. The fallen trees in this narrow part of the path indicated a straight blow, and it was apparently here that the storm developed its greatest force. A dwelling in a small clearing in this wood was completely demolished, and the concrete foundations of the house were pulled out of the ground. Many of the trees had large pieces of sheet-iron roofing wrapped around them or lodged in their tops, these pieces of roofing being part of the debris from wrecked buildings at Goulds, about one mile to the east.

At Goulds, 19 buildings were damaged and 6 were demolished. The monetary loss was approximately \$25,000.

There was no loss of life in connection with the storm, but five persons were injured by flying debris, and one girl was seriously cut by a piece of flying glass. The absence of fatal accidents was due to the fact that the occupants of all buildings that were demolished heard the approaching storm in time to escape into the open, where they threw themselves upon the ground.

The following is an incomplete list of vessels reported lost during the hurricane: Eight scout patrol boats at Key West. American steamships Corydon, Monteray, Maud H. Dudley, Hillsboro, and Lake Ledaner. American schooners Palifax, Hugh De Payens and Copperfield. British steamship Bayronto, and Spanish steamship Valbanera with passengers and crew of more than 300.